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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6861**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 187

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 19, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Merger of Townships.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Ford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires townships to merge upon adoption of an ordinance by the county legislative body.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill requires two or more townships to merge if the county legislative body where the townships are located adopts an ordinance ordering the merger. The county legislative body can not adopt an ordinance ordering a merger after January 1 of a year in which a general election is held and a township trustee is elected. The merger becomes effective when the officers of the new township are elected.

The merging of townships could reduce township expenses if there was a net reduction in personnel funded by the new township. The savings would depend on the townships merged and expenditures of the old townships.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Townships, Counties.

**Information Sources:**

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